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This divisional application is being filed pursuant to the election requirement set forth in parent application Serial No. 09/631,491. The invention of Group II, Claims 13-15, which were added to the parent application by Preliminary Amendment, and which are directed to a method for manufacturing a hydrogen absorbing alloy having a CaCu₅ type crystal structure in its principal phase, is presented for substantive examination in this application.

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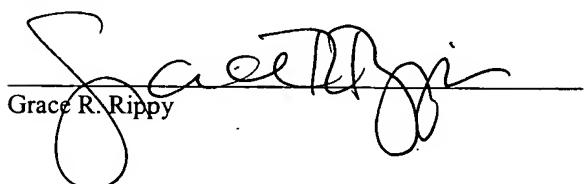
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